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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Joseph P. Marto of McHenry; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Marto was born in Great Falls, Montana on
5 March 18, 1938; he spent time living in Shelby, Montana and the
6 states of Oregon and Washington, before settling in Sprague,
7 Washington; he entered the seminary in 1954 and was ordained a
8 priest for the diocese of Spokane in 1963, receiving his Master
9 of Divinity degree; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Marto worked in several parishes until he
11 became Diocesan Director of Religious Education; in 1971, he
12 left the active ministry and married Rosemary Gaffney; they
13 settled in Chicago where he attended The John Marshall Law
14 School, receiving his Juris Doctor degree in 1974, placing in
15 the top 10 of his class; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Marto's legal career began in Springfield
17 as house counsel for the Illinois State Bar Association; he
18 then worked with various firms in Chicago, primarily as a trial
19 attorney for insurance defense firms; he obtained a Real Estate
20 Broker's license in 1976 and owned several apartment buildings;
21 he retired to McHenry in 1989; and

1 WHEREAS, In retirement, Joseph Marto began a life of
2 volunteering; he organized computer classes for seniors in
3 McHenry Township, prepared free tax returns for seniors through
4 the AARP Tax Aide program, and ran a free legal aide program at
5 Senior Services for several years; and

6 WHEREAS, Joseph Marto is survived by his wife of 42 years,
7 Rosemary, and by several cousins, nieces, and nephews;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Joseph P. Marto, and extend our sincere condolences to his
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Joseph Marto as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.